## STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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Dear Health Industry Leader,

As you are well aware California continues to contend with energy shortages. The Governor has asked all Californians to join him in reducing our energy use by 5%. Your immediate, cooperative participation in this effort is vital to the stability of the statewide electrical grid.

You can make a significant, positive impact by actively reducing your daily energy use. Through energy conservation you can help avoid shortages and lower your energy bills. All you have to do is **FLEX YOUR POWER.** Learn how at <a href="https://www.energy.ca.gov">www.energy.ca.gov</a>.

The Department of Managed Health Care has taken active steps to reduce its daily energy consumption. We invite you to partner with us in an ongoing effort to promote energy conservation and awareness both within your organization and at home. We also ask that you consider voluntarily providing the message of energy conservation to your health care providers and their enrollees.

Here are some energy efficiency tips that can be implemented quickly at work and at home:

- Minimize energy use during peak demand hours from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Turn off lights in unused offices and conference rooms.
- Shut off unnecessary equipment.
- Engage "sleep mode" for office equipment and turn equipment off at the end of the day.
- Turn thermostats down. For each 1-degree reduction, you'll save up to 5% on your heating costs.
- Buy ENERGY STAR equipment and lights.
- Additional tips can be found at the following sites: www.commerce.ca.gov and www.ca.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation and your contribution to the California conservation effort.

Sincerely,

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